

## COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH GRANT:** Council President Pro Tem [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2348-2017 for the Maternal and Child Health grant program. The program addresses the high rates of smoking, childhood obesity, infant mortality and sleep-related infant deaths. The funds also support Columbus Public Health’s Fetal Infant Mortality Review program and a transportation needs assessment study focusing on the accessibility of Franklin County WIC clinics.

**CAP CITY HALF MARATHON:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Economic Development Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 2145-2017 to support the 2018 OhioHealth Cap City Half Marathon. The race takes place on April 28, 2018. Organizers anticipate more than 14,000 runners and walkers will participate in the 15th anniversary event. The Cap City Half Marathon generates over \$7.5 million annually in economic benefit to the City. It also serves as a considerable contribution to the culture of health and wellness in Central Ohio.

**BARBERSHOP BOOKS:** Councilmembers [Elizabeth Brown](#), [Shannon Hardin](#) and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2257-2017 to renew and expand support of the Barbershop Books program. This program seeks to reinforce reading opportunities by providing child-friendly reading spaces in neighborhood barbershops. In 2016, Columbus City Council and Columbus City Schools partnered to purchase 150 books and create 10 reading spaces in neighborhood barbershops. The expansion allows 30 barbershops to participate in the program, receive books, training and a child-friendly reading space.

**CENTRAL OHIO AREA AGENCY ON AGING:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee and [Michael Stinziano](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2256-2014 to operate various grant



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programs administered by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA). Programs include home meal delivery, transportation assistance and housing assessments. Funds also support COAAA's Volunteer Guardian Program which matches over 120 volunteers with 140 people in nursing homes.

**STREET LIGHTING PROJECT:** Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Public Utilities Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance to utilize Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds for the McCutcheon Road Street Lighting Improvements Project. The project, voted on by community members, consists of installing 38 LED Cobrahead-style luminaires on wood poles with overhead wiring on McCutcheon Road between Sunbury and Stelzer Road.

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